



# Child Care Profiles

District of Columbia

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## Child Care in the District of Columbia

### Population Facts\*

Residents (2000 Census)	572,059
Children under 14	92,466
Children 0 thru 2	19,276
Children 3 thru 4	13,260
Children 5 thru 13	59,930
Median Income	\$40,127
Children in poverty <sup>1</sup>	31.5%
Low-Income Children <sup>1</sup>	50.5%

Licensed Child Care Supply = 23,038

Licensed Infant Slots = 3,728

Licensed Facilities

Child Development Centers = 359

Child Development Homes = 242

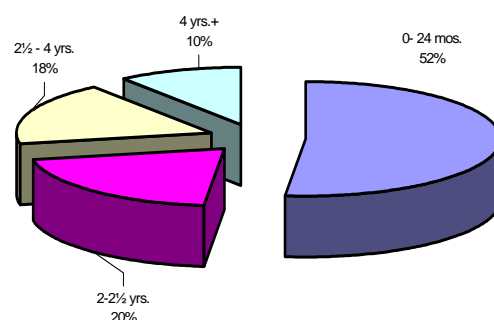
Capacity	2002	2004	Change
Centers	22,437	21,887	-2.5%
Family Homes	1,074	1,151	7.2%
Infant Slots	3,533	3,728	5.5%

96% of all enrolled child care slots are in  
child development centers

Up to 24 months	16% of center slots
Preschool (2-4 yrs.)	46% of center slots
School age (4 yrs.+)	38% of center slots

Children on Waiting Lists

Total	8,921
Up to 24 months	4,610
2-2½ years	1,811
2½ -4 years	1,588
4 years +	912



### Children Needing Services

Estimated number of children  
with all parents working:

★ 0-5	24,480
★ 6-17	49,260
Total	73,740

\* Source: Census 2000

## DC Child Care Service Characteristics

### Types of Services Offered by Centers

Service Provided	% of Centers
Full-time care	85%
Part-time care	51%
After School care	46%
Nontraditional hours	10%
Children with disabilities	57%
Emergency/Back-up	26%

### Types of Providers (By Self-Type)

Provider Type	% of Centers
Nonprofit	57%
For Profit	26%
Employer/Corporate	4%
Private School	10%
Government Agency	13%
Faith-based Organization	8%

## The DC Child Care Workforce

### Mean Beginning Salaries of Child Care Center Employees

Job Type	Annual	Per Hour
Administrator	\$ 35,874	\$ 16.81
Administrator/Teacher	\$ 30,025	\$ 14.41
Teacher with Bachelor's	\$ 26,758	\$ 14.22
Teacher with CDA	\$ 20,490	\$ 10.27
Assistant Teacher	\$ 17,046	\$ 8.71
Classroom Aide	\$ 14,342	\$ 7.68

### Benefits for Family Providers and Child Care Center Employees

Type of Benefit	Family	Center
Health Insurance	87.5%	73.4%
Life Insurance	78.4%	55.4%
Retirement	31.3%	56.8%
Disability	33.0%	37.8%
Paid Sick Leave	9.1%	83.4%
Paid Vacation	17.6%	90.3%
Other	1.7%	16.9%
No Benefits	7.4%	4.0%

## Daily Child Care Rates

### Child Development Centers

Service Group	Market Rate (75th percentile)	DHS Contract	All Providers
Infant	\$ 54.41	\$ 41.20	\$ 48.00
Toddler I	\$ 51.73	\$ 40.40	\$ 43.97
Toddler II	\$ 50.00	\$ 37.80	\$ 40.00
Preschool	\$ 42.00	\$ 33.35	\$ 35.01
School age	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 32.00

### Family Home Providers

Service Group	Market Rate (75th percentile)	DHS Contract	All Providers
Infant	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Toddler I	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Toddler II	\$ 28.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Preschool	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 29.00
School age	\$ 28.70	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00

## Median Years of Service

Position	Market Rate	DHS Contract
Administrator Only	7.4	8.0
Administrator / Teacher	5.0	6.0
Teacher	5.0	5.0
Assistant Teacher	3.0	4.0
Classroom Aide	3.0	2.0
Family Provider	8.5	7.5

1 US Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2004 Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Poverty by State 2003, Below 100% and Below 200% of Poverty—People Under 18 Years of Age

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